

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES
FY2010

Appalachian Mentoring Program with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Athens Ohio
10522 State Route 682
The Plains, OH 45780
\$60,900

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money because mentoring is a powerful tool to help guide at-risk youth which benefits the entire community. The project will address the problems of poor academic performance and juvenile delinquency in Appalachia through the creation and maintenance of 250 professionally supported one-to-one mentoring relationships between underserved, high-risk rural Appalachian youth aged 6 to 16 and trained adult mentors. The mentor-mentee pairs will meet weekly for at least one hour. In addition, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens will provide free bi-monthly activities for the pairs. The program will reduce negative behaviors and juvenile delinquency while also improving school performance and developmental assets for enrolled youth.

Barnesville Hospital Emergency Department Renovation and Expansion Project
639 West Main Street
Barnesville, OH 43713
\$1,100,000

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money because it will increase the efficiency and overall care of patients in the Emergency Department. Barnesville Hospital is located in the Appalachian region of southeastern Ohio, a medically underserved area. Migration, geographic isolation, and limited job opportunities have resulted in high poverty levels, high unemployment, high un-insurance levels, and a large elderly population on fixed incomes. The 38,000 residents of Barnesville and surrounding communities depend on Barnesville Hospital for healthcare. Today, Barnesville Hospital employs 330 individuals and is the largest employer in the area. Barnesville Hospital's Emergency Department Renovation and Expansion is an essential project providing additional space to improve patient access, increase patient privacy, and provide the medical care that this community needs and deserves.

Best Practices for Enabling Higher Education Access for Appalachian Women
Ohio University
Ohio University, Cutler Hall
Athens, OH 45701
\$50,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because this project will

advance rural economic development by increasing the educational levels of women in the Appalachian community. Federal funding will support one-time costs to develop, implement and evaluate a pilot program at Ohio University-Southern Regional Campus which will provide no-cost support services including childcare, transportation, tutoring, financial support, academic counseling and job placement.

**BioSeneca Laboratories
Medical Services Technology Corporation
48647 Sarahsville Road
Caldwell, OH 43724
\$450,000**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because the company's products treat debilitating diseases, reduce the cost of medical care, and could help in the treatment of HIV/AIDS. Funding for this project will be used to establish a light manufacturing and assembly plant to be located in Ohio's Sixth District. This facility will be used for the research and development of an antiseptic salve (ozonated oil) and a new type of medical vacuum boot (NovaBoot). The salve and NovaBoot are the most effective and inexpensive topical medication for the treatment of chronic ubiquitous ulcerates and burn wounds. In addition, research will include an auto-vaccine for HIV/AIDS. The company is ready to begin manufacturing the salve and is also prepared to move forward on a second stage clinical trial for the HIV vaccine.

**Connections
Family Recovery Center
964 N. Market Street
Lisbon, OH 44432
\$129,000**

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money because a stronger more educated work force will ultimately lead to significant improvements in graduation rates, reduce welfare costs and increase employment opportunities.

**Electronic Health Records
Jefferson Behavioral Health Systems
3200 Johnson Road
Steubenville, OH 43952
\$200,000**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because electronic health records will reduce duplication, enhance continuity of care, improve billing accuracy, and allow physicians the ability to "e-scribe" medications for patients. Jefferson Behavioral Health System is a non-profit comprehensive mental health, drug and alcohol agency that

provides an array of services to approximately 2,100 consumers in Jefferson County. Funding for the project would be used to implement an electronic health records system for the organization which would allow all of its various locations to have ready access to a patient's health records whether it's a routine checkup or an emergency.

HealthZone Clinics and HealthZone Home Care

HealthZone USA, LLC

48647 Sarahsville Rd.

Caldwell, OH 43724

\$442,000

The recipient believes this is a valuable use of the taxpayers' money because it will improve healthcare access to local residents and will create 12 to 15 jobs initially, with the potential to create up to 200 jobs as the project expands.

Holzer Medical Center Foundation Pharmaceutical Technology

Holzer Medical Center Foundation

100 Jackson Pike

Gallipolis, OH 45631

\$600,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will improve patient safety. Holzer Medical Center Hospital and Jackson Holzer Critical Access Hospital are seeking funding for anesthesia carts. These carts provide security for narcotics and other important medications. Use of these carts will chart the amount of narcotics given and provide overall patient safety in the handling of medications in the Operating room suites.

Nursing Cohort Program Development Project

Washington State Community College

710 Colegate Drive

Marietta, OH 45750

\$20,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because additional nursing graduates will help with the projected shortage of registered nurses in Ohio and throughout the country. Funding this program will be used to help develop an additional Associates Nursing degree at Washington State Community College.

Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Academic Research Center

Ohio University, Cutler Hall

Athens, OH 45701

\$375,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because the new facility will stimulate an integrated and interdisciplinary approach to research and the development of new treatments. In addition, the facility will help sustain the economic health of the University's Innovation Center, which is one of the oldest university-based small business incubators in the nation.

**Regional Medical Imaging System
Holzer Consolidated Health Systems
4 Elizabeth Drive
Athens, OH 45701
\$1,200,000**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because the Regional Medical Imaging System will improve quality and continuity of health care in Appalachian Ohio. It will also lower patient costs by eliminating the need to repeat expensive medical tests and reduce the need travel to urban centers for care. The Regional Medical Imaging System will ensure that patients' medical images are readily available to general practitioners and specialists, regardless of their geographic location. This can lead to quicker implementation of life-saving treatment plans.

**Southeast Ohio Center for Excellence in Mathematics and Science
Ohio University
Ohio University, Cutler Hall
Athens OH 45701
\$150,000**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will strengthen scientific education and research which will improve the nation's technological enterprise and help maintain America's place as the most innovative nation in the world. The funding would expand the reach of the Southeast Ohio Center for Excellence in Mathematics and Science (SEOCEMS) across Appalachia which would improve K-12 and college-level math and science. SEOCEMS is a project based at Ohio University, Athens with the participation of its five regional campuses and its two university partners, Shawnee State University and the University of Rio Grande. SEOCEMS projects help improve the following things: teachers' skills and understanding of science and mathematics content; teachers' access to effective materials and best practices for teaching and learning; school curricula; student achievement in mathematics and science; recruitment and training of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educators; and STEM education research.

**Southeastern Ohio Opioid Treatment Project
Health Recovery Services, Inc**

**224 Columbus Road
Athens, OH 45701
\$50,000**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because addiction treatment has been demonstrated to be highly cost effective. The goal of the program is to help individuals abstain from opioids and other mind altering substances. This will benefit the local community by decreasing social disruption, crime and the spread of diseases through intravenous drug use.

**Tech-Belt Bridges from Poverty to IT Jobs for
NewLife Technical Institute
114 West Fifth Street
East Liverpool, OH 43920
\$580,000**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because as we transition to health information technology we must have a skilled workforce. The NewLife Technical Institute will offer fast-track training for workers in the Information Technology and Medical field. The primary focus of the project is to train low-income individuals for high-growth high-demand occupations.

**Telehealth for Home Care
Holzer Consolidated Health Systems
4 Elizabeth Drive
Athens, OH 45701
\$145,000**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because in-home telehealth systems have the ability to reduce emergency room visits, reduce overall hospitalization costs, reduce home health patients' hospital admissions and reduce in-patient bed stays. Currently, Holzer's Home Care services include skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and home aides with bases in Gallipolis, Jackson, and Pomeroy Ohio. Telehealth assistive units placed in patients' homes will empower those with chronic diseases to take an active role in their treatment. The electronic unit guides patients through taking their medications, collects their vital signs, identifies new or changing symptoms, and helps manage their pain.

**Telemedicine for Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley
1 Perkins Square
Akron, OH 44308
\$562,500**

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will improve access

to quality health care and curb rising health care costs through Health Information Technology (HIT). Hi-tech electronic communications equipment enables real-time, inter-active patient examination and consultation between patients and physicians in the Mahoning Valley with treatment centers at the Akron Children's Hospital. This will cut time and expense as patients and physicians currently must travel between the sites.

Washington State Community College Campus Security

Washington State Community College

710 Colegate Drive

Marietta, OH 45750

\$37,500

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will improve the safety and security of students, faculty and staff on Washington State Community College's campus.

Washington State Community College Videoconference Center

Washington State Community College

710 Colegate Drive

Marietta, OH 45750

\$56,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' funding because it will expand distance learning opportunities for the region. Videoconferencing will allow Washington State Community College to provide advanced telecommunications services to its students, faculty and staff.